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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application

Application Number	09/280,791
Filing Date	March 26, 1999
First Named Inventor	Feng Qin
Group Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	C. Pratt
Attorney Docket Number	09019.0058

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 18, 2001
(A copy of which is enclosed for the examiner's convenience).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply **01/08/2002 GTEFFERA 00000120 09280791**
- ii. ☐ Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 **01 FC:179 740.00 OP**
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other – Request for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37. C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) – (\$740.00)
- ii. ☐ Three-Month Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.1356 and 1.17) – (\$530.00)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check #s 1495 and 1505 in the amounts of \$740.00 (RCE) and \$530.00 (3-mo. EOT) are enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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